

BEEKMAN'S SWEETHEART SOUGHT SIMPSON TREED IN STEVENS ALIBI

Woman's Picture Recalls Romance Of Prosecutor

A "mystery woman" whose picture was found on the bureau of the late Azariah Beekman, prosecutor of Middlesex county in charge of the first Hall-Mills inquiry, today was being sought in the hope that she would be able to shed new light on the case.

Decision to search for her was made after an affidavit was signed by Miss Mercedes Wade, 26, of 328 Alexander Ave., The Bronx. Miss Wade asserted that the late prosecutor had told her many startling things about the case which were never revealed in court. According to detectives, the affidavit carries hints of romance and contains sensational passages.

Showed Two Revolvers

They assert that on one occasion, Beekman pulled two revolvers out of a trunk and showed them to Miss Wade. She swears, according to the investigators, that he said:—

"These are the guns in the Hall-Mills murder."

She affirms in her affidavit that she and the late prosecutor were boarders at the home of Mrs. Cora A. Wertheim at 113 East Union Ave., Bound Brook, N. J. She also swore that Mrs. Wertheim and her daughter and Beekman had made "a lot of money out of the case." The two women denied this. Mrs. Wertheim gave detectives a .33-caliber revolver which, they said, had no connection with the case.

"Cherchez la Femme"

On the basis of Miss Wade's statement detectives are searching for the woman whose photograph was found on Mr. Beekman's dresser. They believe the late prosecutor, while involved in a romance, may have taken her, too, into his confidence.



Alex. Simpson



H. B. Carpender

Although the arrest of Henry Stevens in the Hall-Mills case is considered unlikely by Inspector John J. Underwood, Assistant District Attorney General Alexander Simpson, in charge of the revived inquiry, maintained his stand that Stevens's alibi had been smashed.

The state's only hope of connecting Stevens with the murder, according to Inspector Underwood, lay in two alleged eyewitnesses of the murder of the Rev. Edward W. Hall and Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills on September 14, 1922. One of these, "A. L.," supposed to be a Newark chauffeur, has refused to come

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THE WEATHER

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1926.



U. S. WEATHER FORECAST

LOCAL—Fair today and tomorrow; general to moderate variable winds, becoming southeast and south.
EASTERN NEW YORK—Fair today and tomorrow; slightly warmer in interior tomorrow; general to moderate variable winds, becoming southeast and south.

Smash Window for \$15,000 Gems



BROKEN PLATE GLASS, work of thieves when two trays of diamonds, valued at about \$15,000, were stolen from the show window of the jewelry store at 334 Grand St., owned by Jacob Weintraub. A bandit hurled a brick at the glass yesterday while hundreds of frightened persons looked on, grabbed the gems and sped away in a waiting automobile.

Wife Seizes Love Cottage As Errant Husband Flees

SPRING GREEN, WIS., Sept. 8.—Mrs. Miriam Noel Wright, deserted wife of Frank Lloyd Wright, is in possession of his bungalow built for her when their romance began years ago. Mrs. Wright is fortified with an injunction restraining persons on the estate from interfering with her.

Germany Admitted To League; Spain Fails to Resign

GENEVA, Sept. 8 (By U. P.).—Germany was admitted to the



P. de Rivera

League of Nations today, and immediately was elevated to permanent membership on the League Council. The diplomatic equilibrium of Europe and the league thereby was vastly altered.

The League Assembly also created three new non-permanent council seats, thereby increasing the membership of the upper house of the league from 10 to 14.

The League secretariat today denied that Spain had submitted her resignation from the League of Nations, although it was rumored she would do so if denied a permanent council seat.

State authorities are searching for Wright and Mme. Olga Milanoff, his companion and housekeeper. Statutory charges will be pressed against them by Valdemar Hinzenberg, divorced husband of Milanoff. Hinzenberg seeks the custody of his 9-year-old daughter Svetlana, now in the custody of Mme. Milanoff, who is a Montenegrin dancer, alleging that the mother is not fit to care for the child.

Mrs. Wright has entered suit against the dancer for \$100,000 damages for the alienation of Wright's affections.

The Bank of Wisconsin has taken possession of the Wright estate pending the outcome of a foreclosure suit which it filed. The bank holds a \$25,000 mortgage upon the 193 acres in the estate.

MISS MEE TO MARRY

Miss Gertrude Bell Mee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wellington Mee of 905 Allison St., Washington, D. C., will be married to Bertrand Lee McConn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. McConn of Kansas City, Mo., September 21, in St. Paul's Methodist Church, South, in Washington.

Poison 'Hooch' Was Cause Of Rudy's Fatal Illness, Broadway Rumor Insists

Persistent reports that Rudolph Valentino's death was indirectly due to poison hooch gained the momentum of a tidal wave along Broadway today. They flew up and down the Rialto with a rapidity which completely obscured the disappearance of "Dr." Sterling C. Wyman, alias Ethan Allen Weinberg, who appointed himself personal representative of Pola Negri while the latter was here to attend the

star's funeral.

A person whose identity must, for obvious reasons, be kept secret, gives an interesting version of Rudy's stay at Polyclinic Hospital.

"Valentino died from alcoholic poisoning," the man declares. "While he was in the hospital the greatest mystery prevailed in the method of his care."

"Nurses and internes were chosen by Rudy's physician. Other employees at the hospital were cautioned, on penalty of dismissal, not to go near the sickroom."

A Poison Hooch Case

"It was common information among the hospital workers that Rudy was a 'poison hooch' case. The peculiar bulletins from his sick room strengthened that belief."

Last week a complete account of Rudy's illness and its treatment, signed by Dr. Harold Meeker, was issued to halt demands of Rudy's

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Rudolph Valentino

Mayor to Christen Big Sikorsky Plane And Take a Flight

With two government observers on board, the Sikorsky, three-motored biplane, in which Capt. Rene Fonck and Lieut. Allan Snody will attempt to fly from New York to Paris this month, had a successful trial flight yesterday. The government observers were enthusiastic in their praise of the plane, saying the aircraft would make an ideal bomber.

The plane will be christened today by Mayor Walker, who will also take a short flight. It will be blessed soon after by the Rev. D. Richard Pope, of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Westbury.

In yesterday's flight, the plane took off with a total load of 20,000 pounds, only 7,000 less than it will carry on the transatlantic hop.



Rene Fonck

Police Ambushed, 5 Prisoners Shot

RAYMONDSVILLE, TEX., Sept. 8 (By U. P.).—Five Mexican prisoners were killed in an ambush last night while leading officers to the spot where two deputy sheriffs were killed last Sunday night when quelling a disturbance on the Mexican frontier.

The victims were caught between the blaze of fire of the officers and the ambushers. It is believed that twenty-five men opened fire. They fled.

The Mexican prisoners are thought to have led the officers into a trap.

Burglars Prefer Cheap Cigarettes

Burglars, who apparently are partial to the cheaper brands of cigarettes, early today entered the cigar and novelty store of Cecil & Katz, 582 West 207th St., by means of a rope ladder from a skylight and spurned more expensive makes.

After removing their favorites they collected \$150 from the cash register and, filled up with matches, took the contents of the stamp machine, \$500 in fountain pens, \$500 in watches and escaped, leaving behind a toy pistol.

Last Rites Said for Rudy As 25,000 Throng Streets

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 8 (By U. P.).—In a silver trimmed bronze casket the body of Rudolph Valentino rests beside a quiet lagoon in Hollywood Cemetery.

Down a rose-strewn path the casket was carried yesterday to the mausoleum of screen immortals where a temporary resting place had been selected until a new memorial of Italian marble can be built.

The captains and kings of screenland paid final tribute to Valentino at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Beverly Hills, where requiem high mass was celebrated.

While only 600 of Valentino's friends and associates were admitted, thousands of persons lined streets leading to the cemetery.

Pola Arrives Late

Pola Negri, upon the arm of Alberto Guglielmi, Valentino's broth-

er, entered the church shortly after the services started. They were seated in the front row by the side of the casket.

Among those attending were Charlie Chaplin, Douglas Fairbanks, Mary Pickford, Harold Lloyd, John Gilbert, William S. Hart, Marshall Neilan, Antonio Moreno, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lubitch, Mabel Normand, Estelle Taylor, Elinor Glyn, Samuel Goldwyn, Jesse Lasky, June Mathis and Agnes Ayres.

It was estimated that 25,000 persons stood outside the church and along the streets.